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## **MOLINA DELIVERS STATE OF THE COUNTY -- STATE OF EAST LOS ANGELES ADDRESS AT EAST L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO**

### County's Solid \$22 Billion Proposed Budget Reflects Board of Supervisors' Strong Fiscal Policies

LOS ANGELES (June 29, 2009) – Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina gave the status of the County's budget and outlined successes and priority funding for East Los Angeles unincorporated at the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's business expo last week.

#### Molina discussed:

- The \$22 million proposed budget is solid and the County continues to fund critical programs and develop high priority capital projects, despite the weakened economy.
- Due to increased public safety resources, East Los Angeles is experiencing one of the lowest crime rates in decades, making it one of Los Angeles County's safest areas.
- In addition, the Violent Gang Suppression Team, is in its fourth consecutive summer keeping East L.A. neighborhoods crime-gang, and drug free.
- The new Graffiti Vandalism Enforcement Team—arrests taggers and holds parents accountable for restitution and allows first-time offenders to attend diversion programs and parents to attend parenting classes.

- Eastside Goldline – Linea de Oro will be opening soon, connecting the Eastside with destination points in the greater Los Angeles Area and positioning East L.A. as a So CA destination.
- Additional child care services created to assure that children have permanent homes with their own families or have options to be placed with adoptive families.
- Local parks and pools will provide fun entertainment for the whole family all summer long.
- \$1.7 million has been released for improvements to six county animal shelters.

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